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FKGGBB DOCKET NO. 782-A04-026

DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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and for which a patent application:

- is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on _____ (if applicable).
- was filed in the United States on March 9, 2004 as Application No. 10/797,685.
- was filed as PCT international Application No. _____ on _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application the priority of which is claimed:

| EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THIS APPLICATION | | | | |
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| APPLICATION NUMBER | COUNTRY | DATE OF FILING (day, month, year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED | |
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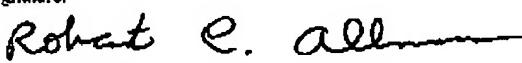
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